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TAGS: SNAR, MX

SUBJECT: CATANIA CASE

REF: STATE 161217

FOR MINISTER ROBERT DEAN

1. AS A RESULT OF DEBRIEFINGS OF CATANIA ONE INDICTMENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK AND ADDITIONAL INDICTMENTS ARE ANTICIPATED THIS WEEK. THE INDICTMENTS ARE STILL SEALED (SECRET) AND WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL FIRST ARREST IS MADE. TOTAL DEFENDENTS MAY BE 20 OR MORE. APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF THESE ARE RESIDENT IN MEXICO AND ARE WELL DOCUMENTED TRAFFICKERS. AT LEAST ONE IS A THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL. OF THE REST OF THE 20 THE MAJORITY ARE NATIONALS AND/OR RESIDENTS OF CANADA. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH CANADIAN AUTHORITIES WHO INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ARREST AND DEPORT TO U.S. THOSE CANADIAN NATIONALS/RESIDENTS NAMED IN THE INDICTMENTS.

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2. IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH COMMITMENT MADE TO ATTORNEY

GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA AT THE TIME OF THE CATANIA DEPORTATION TO KEEP HIM ADVISED OF ALL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF CATANIA DEBRIEFINGS, DEA OFFICERS MORENO AND STRICKLER ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY THOMAS PUCCIO, CHIEF CRIMINAL SECTION, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, WISH TO VISIT MEXICO TO DISCUSS CASE WITH OJEDA PAULLADA. THEY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS AND COORDINATE WITH

OJEDA PAULLADA ADDITIONAL STEPS TO APPREHEND AND BRING TO JUSTICE ALL THOSE INDICTED, INCLUDING THOSE RESIDENT IN MEXICO. THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD INCLUDE SEEKING THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO BRING ALL OR SOME OF THOSE INDICTED TO THE US INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF USING METHODS SIMILAR TO THAT USED WITH CATANIA.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN DEA REQUEST.

4. MORENO, STRICKLER AND PUCCIO WOULD BRIEF YOU FULLY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH OJEDA PAULLADA. IF YOU CONCUR IN THEIR VISIT, THEY WISH TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY OCTOBER 23 AND MEET WITH OJEDA PAULLADA AS SOON THERE AFTER AS POSSIBLE. A PROMPT REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. FAST ACTION AND UTMOST DISCRETION ARE REQUIRED SINCE IF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BECOME NECESSARY IN THE US, CANADA, EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE THE INDICTMENTS WOULD BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND THOSE IN MEXICO COULD LEARN OF THEM. FURTHERMORE, OF COURSE, WE WOULD NOT WISH THAT OJEDA PAULLADA LEARN OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS ON HIS OWN OR THROUGH THE PRESS.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD INFORM TOM DEAN OF THE ABOVE. KISSINGER

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